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Redevelopment Board Minutes 06-26-2000

Present:

John FitzMaurice
Nora Mann
Roland Chaput
Ed Tsoi
Barry Faulkner

Kevin O'Brien

8:02 John FitzMaurice called the meeting to order and opened the public hearing on the request of Nextel to install a wireless communications antenna on the existing structure at 215 Massachusetts Avenue. George Chiannis, representing Nextel, presented the request.

John FitzMaurice and Barry Faulkner discussed the height of the proposed antennas and determined that the proposal met the height requirement. The Board members listed concerns with the proposal and suggested improvements,

1. The proposed railing is wood, Board would prefer a metal railing which would not be as massive as the wooden version
2. Board requested that the cabling to each antenna panel be run up from the building roof rather than down from the penthouse structure roof to avoid unsightly shadows from the cable.
3. The Board asked that the antennas be moved downward so as to be 12" below the roof of the structure on which each is mounted.
4. The equipment structure and the antennas themselves must be painted to match the existing building.
5. The two air conditioning units must be equipped with a sound deadening cover.
6. The proposed equipment structure must be the concrete structure which was shown to the Board.

Nora Mann moved and Barry Faulkner seconded the motion to grant the requested special permit with the condition that the above improvements would be considered by the Board at its review of 100% plans. Voted 5 - 0.

9:06 Regarding the proposal to use the space at 693 Mass. Ave. for a restaurant. Frank Reynolds presented a new sign proposal which was approved by the Board (Docket 3119). The Board specified that the lighting fixture over the sign must have the flat lens. The applicant must return at the Board's July 17 meeting for review of 100% plans. If the applicant could not be ready at that time, the Board may consider delegating the approval of the remaining specifications to staff.

9:20 Carolyn Parker of Bohler Engineering requested changes in the signage at the Sunoco gas station at 880 Massachusetts Avenue. The existing signage was permitted by the Board under Docket 2818. Making note of the provision in its decision on Docket 2818, the Board approved the following signs for the site.

1. One standing "goalpost sign" including an internally lighted Sunoco diamond logo and a price sign as shown as sign no. 7 on your Reimage Plan dated 11/17/99.
2. One wall sign saying "SUNOCO" in yellow letters on a blue background centered over the office doorway. The letters of the sign are 14" high and are to be placed similarly to the sign number 8 proposed in Reimage Plan dated 11/17/99.
3. The word "SUNOCO" in yellow letters 14" high on the east and west sides of the canopy. These signs are not

internally lighted.

4. All other signs are to be removed from the site. The Board notes that the proposed building band and horizon graphic are specifically prohibited.

The Board voted 5 - 0 to approve the sign changes on a motion by Barry Faulkner, seconded by Ed Tsoi and instructed the secretary ex officio to notify the applicant in writing.

10:00 The Board considered the request of Modern Continental to modify its storm drain plan at Cutters Mill Condominiums. The Board requested to see a plan of the new system and continued the matter to its next meeting.

Nora Mann moved and Ed Tsoi seconded a motion to allow Parmenter Playground to be used for a block party in connection with the Town wide millennium block party celebration. Voted 5 - 0.

Kevin O'Brien presented a status report on the Reed's Brook project. He indicated that he had a hearing before the Lexington Conservation Commission on June 6 which is continued to July 11 and will begin a hearing before the Arlington Conservation Commission on July 20.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan McClennen, Jr.